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tion to the general credibility of microscopical science that a dispute about some confessedly difficult double star would have to the science of astronomy. Experience is suggested as a safeguard, and so are high powers, which are of undisputed value notwithstanding that they chiefly, if not only, are liable to serious danger of misinterpretation. The necessity of corroboration of results in important cases by different observers is urged, to which the editor of the "Technologist" adds that varied methods of preparation are a stronger confirmation than a number of observers.

A CONCENTRATED METHOD OF MOUNTING.—Mr. C. H. Robinson, of Cleveland, contributes to the "Postal Micro-cabinet Club," a slide illustrating a method of mounting where the space under a single large cover-glass is occupied by a considerable number of small circles with an object in each. He makes the circles of white zinc varnish, and sometimes adds a circle to the edge of the cover-glass as a finish. This method of mounting, the appearance of which is decidedly handsome, is particularly applicable to displaying several varieties of one species (as of selected diatoms or of foraminifera) on one slide, or to presenting in contrast different methods of preparing the same species.

NOTES.

WE noticed, in our last, that an Ohio State Association of Archæologists had been formed, and we now have to record the organization of similar State Associations in Indiana and Tennessee. These State Associations will be of great benefit if they result in the establishment of permanent museums of Archæology at the several capitals and foster careful research. It is also greatly to be hoped that they will take action at once in relation to the preservation of some of the most important of the ancient earthworks of the west and south.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Arrangements have been made by which Messrs. H. O. Houghton & Co., will become the publishers of the *American Naturalist*, beginning with Vol. X, 1876. Farther announcements will be made in our next number. Subscriptions for Volume X should accordingly be sent to H. O. Houghton & Co., Boston, Mass.